

Advancing the Maternal and Child Health Vision: What is the Future of Title V in the Era of Health Reform?

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David Lakey, MD

Commissioner

TX Department of State Health Services

David Lakey, MD, Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services leads one of the largest agencies in Texas state government with a staff of 12,000. He oversees programs such as disease prevention and emergency preparedness, community health services, consumer safety, mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment and was recently elected president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) for 2011-2012.

Prior to being appointed commissioner, Dr. Lakey served as associate professor of medicine and director of the Center for Pulmonary and Infectious Disease Control at the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler. Dr. Lakey trained at Vanderbilt University in internal medicine, pediatrics, and pediatric infectious disease.



Brent Ewig, MHS

Director of Policy & Government Affairs

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Brent Ewig, MHS, joined the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) in 2007 as the Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs. In this role, he works to advance MCH programs by leading the development and implementation of AMCHP's public policy and government affairs strategies. Prior to this position, Brent served as a Senior Program Associate at Grantmakers In Health where he advised health foundations and corporate funders on health issues and synthesized lessons learned from their work. He also worked eight years at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) where he served as the Principal Director for Prevention and Public Health and for three years in the government relations office of InterHealth, a national association of not-for-profit, religiously affiliated hospitals and health systems.

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Brent holds a Master of Health Sciences in Health Policy degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Valparaiso University. In 2003, he was appointed to a three year term on the Montgomery County (MD) Commission on Health and was elected chairman in 2005. In 2006 he was appointed to the Advisory Board of Montgomery Cares, an innovative public-private partnership expanding access to health care for uninsured county residents.

When not promoting health policy, he enjoys travel, reading, fishing, and listening to his extensive collection of Bob Dylan recordings. His proudest achievement is two beautiful daughters — Lucia (4) and

Cecilia (2) - with his wife Samantha. The Planning Committee would like to express their sincere gratitude to Mr. Ewig for agreeing to present in this plenary with limited advance notice.



Poki Namkung, MD, MPH
Health Officer
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Poki Namkung MD, MPH is a first generation immigrant who came to medicine late in life after many years of political activism. After medical school at UC Davis, she trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology for one year, also at UC Davis and then took a hiatus from career to raise a family. During this period, she maintained her commitment to women's health by working for reproductive choice as well as involving herself in the life of her community by serving on many boards and commissions, including chairing the PTA and the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Berkeley, CA. Her volunteer activities reflect her long-standing and abiding interest in the health of her community with a particular interest in the wellbeing of women and children.

In 1993, Namkung returned to training, first receiving a Master's of Public Health degree in Epidemiology from the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley. She completed a Preventive Medicine Residency at UC Berkeley in 1995 and went on to become the Health Officer and Director of Public Health for the City of Berkeley Public Health Department. She is Board Certified in Preventive Medicine and Public Health Administration. In 1996, she was selected as a State Scholar for the Public Health Leadership Institute. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the Health Officers' Association of California in 1997 and to the Board of the California Conference of Local Health Officers in 1998. In November of 2001, Namkung was elected as President of the California Conference of Local Health Officers and re-elected for another term in November of 2002. The California Public Health Association-North honored her in 2003 with their Public Health Leadership Award.

In 2005 Dr. Namkung was appointed to the position of Health Officer for Santa Cruz County. The following year she participated in a Santa Cruz Public Health Commission study of the issue of genetically engineered (GE) crops. The GE subcommittee issued a report recommending a Precautionary Moratorium prohibiting the planting and production of genetically modified crops in Santa Cruz County until adequate monitoring and oversight could be established at the federal and state levels to ensure public health and environmental safety.

Rebecca Slifkin, MHA, PhD

Director of the Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation
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Rebecca Slifkin, MHA, PhD, is the Director of the Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation within the Health Resources and Services Administration. Prior to joining HRSA in August, 2010, she was Director of the North Carolina Rural Health Research & Policy Analysis Center at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a position she held for 10 years. Dr. Slifkin received a Master of Health Care Administration degree from the UNC-CH School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Administration in 1991, and received her Ph.D. from the same department in December of 1994, with a minor in Economics. She was awarded the UNC-CH School of

Public Health Award for the Most Outstanding Dissertation in 1995, the Cecil G. Sheps Center Distinguished Investigator Award in 2004 and the National Rural Health Association Outstanding Researcher Award in 2005.

Dr. Slifkin's rural health research focused on a broad array of subjects, including critical access hospitals, pharmacy and Medicare Part D, the 340B program, Medicaid managed care, rural public health departments, access to care for rural Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and Medicare reimbursement issues, including analysis of the wage index and the occupation mix.

As Director of the Program on Health Care Economics and Finance within the Sheps Center, Dr. Slifkin had contracts with the State of North Carolina to evaluate a resource-based reimbursement system for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded. She also led a number of evaluations of insurance programs for low-income children in North Carolina (Medicaid and the State Children Health Insurance Program), including assessment of access to care for all children and children with special health care needs, and the impact of enrollment caps on children placed on waiting lists. This portfolio of projects was funded by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the NC Department of Health and Human Services. She was lead investigator on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded study of the cost of implementing childhood immunization registries, and worked under contract with CMS for many years, identifying areas eligible for Physician Scarcity Area and HPSA bonus payments.

Dr. Slifkin has substantial experience leading quick turnaround projects aimed at a policy audience, and through this work she consulted with agency and congressional staff numerous times on the potential impact of legislative policies. From 2000-2010, Dr. Slifkin was a member of the Rural Policy Research Institute Rural Health Panel, a national panel committed to producing objective analyses of the impacts of public policy on rural people and places. She served on the Journal of Rural Health editorial board from 2003-2010, including three years as board chair.

Prior to leaving North Carolina for her position at HRSA, Dr. Slifkin served for ten years on the board of Piedmont Health Services, a six site Federally Qualified Health Center. She served as treasurer for much of her tenure on the board.



Jennifer Ryan

Acting Director for Policy of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group (CAHPG)

Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Jennifer Ryan is the Acting Director of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group (CAHPG) in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) at CMS. Jennifer leads CMCS' work on eligibility, coverage and quality improvement for children and adults through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In this capacity, she is managing the implementation of major provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the expansion of Medicaid coverage to low-income adults and the development and review of section 1115 waiver proposals. Jennifer is also leading the CMS State Operations and Technical Assistance (SOTA) Initiative that is designed to promote communication and information sharing with states and to facilitate their Affordable Care Act implementation efforts.

Jennifer served as CAHPG's Deputy Director for Policy from January 2011 through December 2012. Prior to joining CAHPG, Jennifer served as the Senior Advisor to Cindy Mann, CMS Deputy Administrator and Director of CMCS. In that role, she facilitated the operations of the Office of the Center Director and assisted in priority setting, policy development and execution of CMCS initiatives. Jennifer also led CMCS' efforts to strengthen relationships with states, consumer advocacy organizations, health care providers, the policy and research communities, and other federal agencies.

From 2001 – 2009, Jennifer was a Principal Policy Analyst at the National Health Policy Forum, an affiliate of the George Washington University. Her work at the Forum similarly focused on Medicaid and CHIP coverage, financing, and legislative issues and working closely with state officials to educate Congressional and federal agency staff about state health care programs and policies. Jennifer served in several roles at CMS (then HCFA) during her first tour with the federal government from 1994 – 2000 including Technical Director of the CHIP Division and Special Assistant to the HCFA Administrator on Medicaid, CHIP, welfare reform and nursing home enforcement issues.



Michael Lu, MD

Associate Administrator
Maternal and Child Health Bureau
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Michael C. Lu, MD, MPH is the Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health (Maternal and Child Health Bureau Director). He was formerly an associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology and public health at UCLA. Dr. Lu received his bachelor's degrees from Stanford University, master's degrees from UC Berkeley, medical degree from UC San Francisco, and residency training in obstetrics & gynecology from UC Irvine.

He is widely recognized for his research, teaching and clinical care. Dr. Lu received the 2003 Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology Young Professional Achievement Award, and the 2004 American Public Health Association Young Professional Award for his research on perinatal health disparities. He has served on Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committees on Understanding Prematurity and Committee to Reexamine Pregnancy Weight Guidelines, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Select Panel on Preconception Care. He was Study Location Principal Investigator for the National Children's Study in Los Angeles. He also chaired the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM).

Prior to his appointment at HRSA, Dr. Lu taught obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and maternal and child health at the UCLA School of Public Health. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, including Excellence in Teaching Awards from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Dr. Lu also saw patients at the faculty group practice in obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA Medical Center, and has been voted one of the Best Doctors in America since 2005.



Deborah Klein Walker, EdD

Vice President and Senior Fellow
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Deborah Klein Walker, EdD, is a Vice President and Senior Fellow who leads the Public Health and Epidemiology practice in the US Health Division of Abt Associates. Before joining Abt, Dr. Walker spent 16 years with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she was the Director of the Bureau of Family and Community Health (the Title V agency) for over a decade. She is a former president of the American Public Health Association and the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, a founder of New England SERVE (a network to serve children with special health care needs), and a founding member of the Research Consortium on Children with Chronic Conditions. She is currently an Adjunct Professor on the faculty of the Boston University School of Public Health, a trustee of the Cambridge Health Alliance and a Board Member of the Massachusetts Public Health Association. Dr. Walker has been widely honored by organizations representing maternal and child health services, disabilities, and at-risk populations. She is a recipient of the APHA Martha May Eliot Award and the Vince L. Hutchins Partnership Award from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. She has served on several Institute of Medicine panels, the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, and in various advisory capacities for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.